

**PATENT APPLICATION DECLARATION
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Attorney's Docket No.: **A-9680**

☒ Regular (Utility)

☐ Design Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE COMPRESSION AND/OR TRANSPORT AND/OR
DECOMPRESSION OF A DIGITAL SIGNAL**

the specification of which:

☐ is attached hereto

☒ was filed on:
as U.S. Serial No.:
and was amended on

May 19, 2000
09/573,688

(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119, of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign/PCT Application(s):

☐ no such application(s) filed.

☒ such application(s) identified as follows:

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Priority Claimed Under 37 USC 119
Europe	99870108	21, May, 1999	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)

I hereby claim the priority benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which is material to the examination of this application and which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Prior U.S. Application(s):

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Application No.	Filing Date (month, day, year)	Status (Patented, Pending, Abandoned)
09/573,688	May 19, 2000	Pending/Allowed

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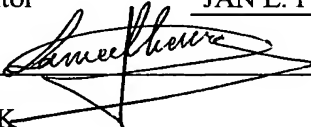
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